

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 15, 22-31 and 33-35 are pending in the current application. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim. By this Amendment, claim 32 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1 and 33 are amended. No new matter has been added.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 8-10, 22-27, 32, 33 and 35 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. As independent claim 1 is amended to recite the subject matter of allowable claim 32, all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

II. REJECTION UNDER 35 USC §102

Claims 1, 6, 28-31 and 34 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent Application Publication 2002/0007794 to Byun et al. (Byun). As independent claim 1 is amended to recite the subject matter of allowable claim 32, Byun fails to disclose or suggest all of the features recited in the rejected claims. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

III. REJECTION UNDER 35 USC §103

Claims 1-7, 15, 28-31 and 34 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 08-236294 to Youzou in view of US Patent 6,893,533 to Holland, et al. (Holland). As independent claim 1 is amended to recite the subject matter of allowable claim 32, the combination of references fails to disclose or suggest all of the features recited in the rejected claims. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-7 and 15 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Byun. Claims 2-7 and 15 are allowable for their dependency on independent claim 1 which is amended to include the features of allowable claim 32. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of each of the pending claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

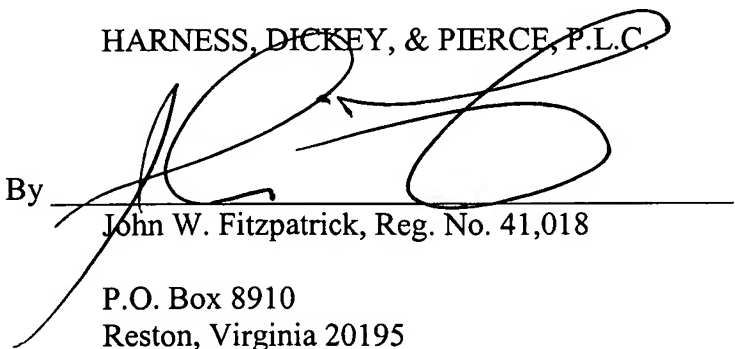
Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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